

Dear Parent: To know God means to know love because God is love...because love is the fulfillment of the law...because love never fails... and because love is the fruit of his spirit. **Without love (God's and man's) scripture is hollow.** It is God's love...limitless and eternal... mixed with our love that puts the power in the verse. This week as you and your child put a scripture in your pocket trust that God's love will make it real to you.

He will love and bless you... Deuteronomy 7:13	God is Love 1 John 4:16	I have loved you with an everlasting love. I have drawn you with loving-kindness. Jeremiah 31:3	
I love you Isaiah 43:4	he loves those who pursue righteousness. Proverbs 15:9	But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ Ephesian 2:4	
And by him we cry, 'Abba', Father. Romans 8:15	he will quiet you with his love. Zephaniah 3:17	I will heal their waywardness and love them freely, Hosea 14:4	
We rely on the love God has for us. 1 John 4:16	Whoever loves his brother lives in the light. 1 John 2:10	No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him. 1 Corinthians 2:9	
through Christ our comfort overflows. 2 Corinthians 1:5	We love because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19	This is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his son... 1 John 4:10	
We love because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19	The lord watches over all who love him. Psalm 145:20	He will give you another counselor to be with you forever. John 14:16	
The Lord your God is with you. Zephaniah 3:17	Love never fails... 1 Corinthians 13	When my father and mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up. Psalms 27:10	
Whoever lives in love lives in God ... 1 John 4:16	love the Lord your God . Deuteronomy 11:13	let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. John 17:23	
Look at the birds of the air. They do not sow or reap. Matt. 6:26	Even the winds and the waves obey him. Matt. 8:27	He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. Psalm 91:10	
Let the little children come to me. Matt. 19:14	Love is patient, love is kind 1 Corinthians 13	Seek first his kingdom and all these things will be given to you... Matt. 6:33	
Never have I seen the righteous forsaken. Psalm 37:25	Love comes from God 1 John 4:7	as I have loved you, so you must love one another. John 13:34	
Why have you forgotten me? Psalm 42:9	I too will love him and show myself to him. John 14:21	This is my command that you love one another. John 15:17	Never will I leave you. Hebrews 13:5

WHY WE BELIEVE OUR COLORING PAGES AND POCKET SCRIPTURES COULD CHANGE YOUR CHURCH THE NATION AND THE WORLD OVERNIGHT!!!

*Carrying a scripture with them increases a child's sense of **EXPECTATION** that God will make it real. No amount of pure memorization can accomplish this.

*The first thing anyone who works with children learns is that *there is never enough of you to go around to all the children*. When faced with this inevitable problem...a child in need of personal attention...we can give them a sheet of pocket scriptures fitted to their **FELT NEED**: fear, anger, loneliness etc. and we trust God will stand by his word.

*For children, especially the children of divorce, the pocket scriptures also provide a sense of **IDENTITY**...even a sense of group identity if they know all the children in their church are also carrying a pocket scripture each day of the week.

*Point number four is that our pocket scriptures are rarely if ever a complete verse. We ask the parents to help the children look up the second half of the verse. It gives a child *the FEEL of a Bible* in their hands. It gives parents a **starting place** in their role as spiritual leaders. Taking two minutes a day to look up just one bible verse is something almost any parent can handle. Such a simple thing can have **BIG** results because God does all the heavy lifting. This humble beginning is something local pastors can build on, a way to **INVOLVE** parents.

*It is God's command in Deut. 11:19, 'Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds: tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to you children when you sit at home...*so that your days and the days of your children will be many*.' These words were written 3,000 years BP (before pockets). They are an old idea, God's idea. They make me think of the children in my first class of preschoolers especially the four who died before the age of 18. I have no way of knowing if a scripture in their pocket would have saved their lives but I believe with all my heart that: **Pocket Scriptures are the least we can do...THE VERY VERY VERY LEAST.**

*Putting our coloring pages out in doctors offices and auto repair waiting rooms with an invitation to visit your church could be an open door to church growth.

How we pray you will share our dream with others. Could you email the links to a friend or sister church. The links are www.homeword.ws and www.mypocketscriptures.com.

We don't charge for any of our pages

BUT

We do ask that you take this page to your Church's Prayer Group

First We hope that you might say a prayer for health and Joy for Mr. and Mrs. Tim Winn and The Lampstand Foundation. Without their help we could not have paid our phone bill for the rest of this year (2004). We are so very gratefull and hope you might join us in praying for their health.

Second: Could you continue to pray for just ten churches to pledge \$10 a month to our support. I am still unable to work regularly and this would help so very very much. We are not sure exactly how many children are carrying a scripture in their pocket each day but we know it is in the tens of thousands. Our hope for next year is that it would be a million or more. Hope you might pray for a few at least to help us Financially.

Third: Could you remember also my mother Dorothy. The new combination of blood pressure medications seems to work well during the day but has a tendency to get dangerously high overnight. *This prayer would mean a great deal to me.*

My own personal request is as ALWAYS to know God's salvation utterly and completely. This month I would especially appreciate prayer for patience and that God would protect me from a temptation to be bitter and discourages, for more grace to love others without being irritable?

OUR GRAND REQUEST THIS MONTH HOWEVER is for *favor* with Mrs. Conklin of the Lowell Berry Foundation and with BERAKAH (Blessing Foundation). With their help we hope to make Deuteronomy 11; 19-21 a reality for all of California. We can't exactly get God's word on their gates or doorposts, and we can't really tie it to the wrists and temples of the children **BUT** with the help of These two foundations we can get it *on their refrigerators and in their pockets.*